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SUBJECT: MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATIONS

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1. I MET WITH FAHMY THIS MORNING TO CONVEY TO HIM  
YOUR ORAL MESSAGE CITED PARAS 5 AND 6 REFTTEL. I TOLD  
HIM YOU HAD HAD A REPORT FROM DINITZ OF LAST SUNDAY'S  
CABINET DELIBERATIONS AND OF THE ISRAELI CABINET  
DECISION TO CONTINUE THE DIALOGUE WITH US TO SEEK FURTHER  
CLARIFICATIONS. DINITZ' TALK WITH YOU HAD FOCUSED  
ON CLARIFICATIONS RE US ASSURANCES AND ASSISTANCE. WE  
CONTINUE TO PRESS THE ISRAELIS ON THE KEY ISSUES OF  
THE PASSES AND ACCESS TO THE OIL FIELDS, BUT  
THERE IS NOTHING CONCRETE TO CONVEY AT THIS TIME.

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YOU WILL MEET WITH RABIN ON SATURDAY IN BONN AND HE

WILL HAVE TO GO BACK TO REVIEW THE SITUATION WITH HIS MINISTERIAL COLLEAGUES NEXT SUNDAY. DINITZ WILL RETURN TO WASHINGTON THEREAFTER AND YOU HAVE ASKED ME TO RETURN TO THE US BY THE MIDDLE OF NEXT WEEK TO BE BRIEFED. I PLANNED TO LEAVE FOR WASHINGTON TUESDAY, JULY 15.

2. AFTER H HAD HEARD ME OUT, FAHMY EXPRESSED MIOME CONCERN ABOUT THE SLOW PACE. HE CONTENTED AN INTERIM REPORT FOR THE PRESIDENT IS URGENTLY NEEDED, SINCE SADAT MUST PREPARE HIMSELF IMMEDIATELY FOR HIS JULY 23 SPEECH. FAHMY QUESTIONED THAT DINITZ HAD LIMITED HIMSELF TO SEEKING CLARIFICATIONS ON US ASSISTANCE. XE MUST HAVE GIVEN SOME CLUE, FAHMY ARGUED, ON ISRAELI THINKING. WE HAVE REACHED A POINT, FAHMY ASSERTED, WHERE THE PRESIDENT MUST HAVE AN INTERIM REPORT QUICKLY ON WHERE WE ARE GOING. HE MUST TELL THE PEOPLE ON JULY 23 WHAT THE PROSPECTS ARE AND TAKE DECISIONS, SUCH AS THE RENEWAL OR NOT OF THE UNEF MANDATE, IN ORDER ANNOUNCE THEM AT THAT TIME. THE UNEF MANDATE IS UP FOR RENEWAL ON JULY 24 AND INSTRUCTIONS WILL HAVE TO BE SENT TO NEW YORK NO LATER THAN THE PREVIOUS DAY.

3. IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES, FAHMY PROPOSED THAT YOU SUMMON ME TO BONN OR LONDON FOR AN INTERIM REPORT, WHICH I COULD BRING BACK IMMEDIATELY RATHER THAN GO TO WASHINGTON NEXT WEEK. HE SCOFFED AT THE NEED FOR FURHTER ISRAELI CABINET DELIBERATIONS. WHATEVER RABIN AGREES TO IN YOUR MEETING IN BONN, HE ARGUED, IS LIKELY TO BE ACCEPTED BY THE ISRAELI CABINET. AT THE MOST THE ISRAELI CABINET WOULD DISAPPROVE IT, IN WHICH CASE GOE WILL HEAR OF IT.

4. HE ASKED THAT I URGENTLY GET ABOVE VIEWS TO YOU. SOMETHING SUBSTANTIVE MUST BE SAID TO THE PRESIDENT QUICKLY, HE REPEATEDLY INSISTED, AND NEXT WEEK IS TOO CLOSE TO THE PRESIDENT'S POLICY SPEECH TO WAIT UNTIL THEN.

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